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Subject: RE: Handelsblatt article from martin (in German)

Will do both.

Here is the google version of English:

US ENVIRONMENTAL Protection Agency sees further VW "big compliance deficits"

EXCLUSIVE

by Martin Sciwert
May 24, 2018

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to see "major compliance deficits" at VW.

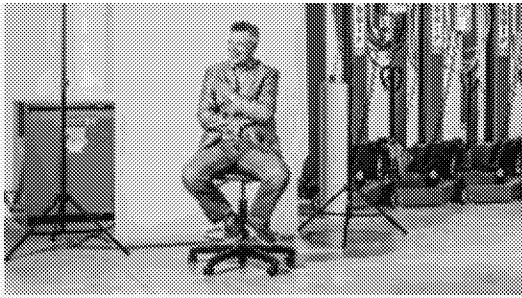
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The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which started the diesel exhaust gas scandal, is tightening up emissions controls. Investigator Grundler only BMW a Persilschein from - in other German carmakers he is skeptical.

Christopher Grundler, Director of Transportation and Emissions at the top US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is also able to control the global auto industry without restrictions under the Trump administration. He said that in an interview with Handelsblatt and WirtschaftsWoche. It was his first interview since US President Donald Trump took office. "The mission of the EPA has not changed," said Grundler: "The administrator (EPA chief Scott Pruitt) is 110 percent behind us. We can do our work without fear, without false consideration and without political interference. "

The EPA and the Californian environmental authority CARB uncovered the Volkswagen exhaust emissions scandal in 2015. In 2017, Trump appointed longtime EPA critic Scott Pruitt as head of the EPA. Pruitt has announced that it will ease environmental regulations, including in the auto industry.

Grundler has even recently expanded its controls: "Over the past 18 months, we have sent employees to Sweden, Germany, Italy, Japan and Korea for inspections by car manufacturers. We went to the factories to test engines and vehicles. We've checked that the new cars being exported to the US comply with local regulations. "Grundler has purchased new metering equipment for the EPA test lab for several million dollars, and has developed new metering methods that it keeps secret from automakers. So he wants to prevent them, as in the case of VW, develop methods to cheat the testers: "Our response to the VW case is to be unpredictable."



EXHAUST SCANDAL The official who had VW expelled

PREMIUM

Christopher Grundler has revealed for the US Environmental Protection Agency EPA Dieselgate. Nevertheless, Trump wants to weaken the authority. But Grundler wants to make her more powerful than ever. The struggle for survival of an exhaust-driven.

by Martin Seiwert

In order to increase the clout of global regulators, Grundler is pushing the networking of the authorities: he has "strategic partnerships" with authorities in California and Canada agreed. In addition, since 2016, he has organized four meetings with representatives of European, Asian and US regulators, where the supervisors talked about vehicles, test methods and manipulation attempts by manufacturers: "The meetings were very productive," says Grundler. "We will have a fifth meeting in the UK."

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Thanks. Pls check recordings to make sure I haven't been misquoted.

Also tell Astrid ASAP there should be an "umlaut" over the u in my last name. Maybe they can fix before magazine runs

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On May 24, 2018, at 4:12 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi – here is Martin’s article. I used google translate but that only gives me the gist – take a look Chris, and let us know.

I am also having a German speaking colleague take a look.

From: Seiwert, Martin [<mailto:Martin.Seiwert@wiwo.de>]

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 1:22 PM

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Subject: Re: Follow up

Hi Julia,

the link to our online summary:

<https://www.wiwo.de/unternehmen/auto/us-umweltbehoerde-epa-sieht-bei-vw-weiter-grosse-compliance-defizite/22599006.html>

I can send you a PDF of the long magazine piece (4 pages) tomorrow.

Thanks so much!

Martin

Am 23.05.2018 um 22:24 schrieb Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>:

No problem, Astrid. Send me whatever you need. And thank you!

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Hi Julia,

we plan to publish Friday. I will send you a pdf so you have it first thing in the morning.

May reach out to you tomorrow morning for some final final questions as we are producing the piece tomorrow.

Thanks so much again,

Astrid

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Betreff: Follow up

Hi Astrid and Martin – wondering if you wouldn't mind sending to me the link or text of your articles when they publish. And if you know when (day and time) you expect them to publish, I want to get our German speakers ready to translate/read to the rest of us!

Many thanks!

-- Julia

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